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SUBJECT: SOVIET MILITARY MISSION

PRESIDENT DAOUD TOLD ME OCTOBER 13 THAT A LARGE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION, HEADED BY AN OFFICER OF "MARSHAL RANK", WOULD ARRIVE OCTOBER 15 IN KABUL TO "DIRECT THE REORGANIZATION OF THE AFGHAN ARMED FORCES." HE STRONGLY IMPLIED IN OTHER PARTS OF OUR CONVERSATION (SEPTEL) THAT AFGHAN REGIME WAS BEING IMPELLED BY RAPID MILITARY STRENGTHENING OF BOTH IRANIAN AND PAKISTANI ARMED FORCES TO DEVOTE AN INORDINATE, WASTEFUL SHARE OF AFGHAN RESOURCES TO DEFENSE. HOWEVER, HE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE. UNMISTAKABLE IMPLICATION WAS THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF ADDITIONAL SOVIET WEAPONS, PROBABLY ON EXPENSIVE CREDIT TERMS, WOULD FOLLOW ON HEELS OF SOVIET-DIRECTED REORGANIZATION.

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